



Sunday, April 30, 2023

Easter 4

Theme of the Day:

He Lives to Be My Good Shepherd

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

646 See This Wonder in the Making- 1st service

CW 646

471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds- 2nd service

CW 471

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Rite of Baptism- 1st service

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Please stand.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Absolution

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seated at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer, re-ceive our prayer.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God.

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THE WORD

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The early Church was marked by devotion to apostolic teaching and genuine love for one another. And the Good Shepherd's flock grew.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

23B Shepherd Me, O God

Psalm 23B

Soloist will introduce the refrain and sing the verses. The Congregation will sing the refrain after each verse.
Refrain

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

St. Peter calls us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer, even if it means that we suffer for doing good.

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1–10

Jesus is not only our Good Shepherd. He is the gate through which we enter into the green pastures of salvation.

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552

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Sermon Text

1 Peter 2:19-25

Sermon Theme: Let Us Walk in the Shadow of the Shepherd

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church

P: Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

C: Good Shepherd, save us.

P: Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

C: Good Shepherd, lead us.

P: Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

C: Good Shepherd, guide us.

P: Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

C: Good Shepherd, console us.

P: Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

C: Good Shepherd, inspire us.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

C: Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

702 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

CW 702

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Please stand.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

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Announcements

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after both services today.



Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism in early service today is Eleanor Sharon Boehm, son of Andrew and Jennifer. Sponsors are Ray and Dawn Curth. We rejoice in Eleanor's spiritual re-birthday!

STUDYING YOUR BIBLE ON YOUR OWN? Adult Bible Class is working through Bible Study skills study on Sunday morning. We will look at basic and advanced skills to help you get more out of reading the Bible. We will continue our discussion on Apparent Contradictions in the Bible and how to understand them. Join us between services for Adult Bible Study!

The eighth grade class, Maddisun Wiles and Ella Kretz, would like to invite all to their examination and confirmation next week. Examination will take place @ 9:00 in the church. This is an excellent time to examine your faith and remember the lessons taught in Catechism. Confirmation takes place directly after the examination at the 10:30 service.

Following the service, people are welcome to come to school to look at pictures and the accomplishments of our confirmands. There is also a meal being served to which everyone is invited.

The Confirmands.

Dear Family of Trinity Lutheran,

We want to thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and gifts you have shared with our family following my father's sudden passing. The floral arrangement that you sent helped beautify the service and was a significant reminder that even though distance separates us, we are all one in Christ's death and resurrection. Knowing that we are all going to be gathered together in our Father's arms on our final day gives a comfort that goes beyond our human reasoning. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia

The Kretz's

Any memorials were gifted to Trinity Lutheran School

PASTOR NOWAK announced in church that he is returning the call to Hope Lutheran Church in Chino Valley and Prescott, AZ.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE: There will be a yard/landscaping clean-up day at the parsonage from 9am-3pm on Saturday May 13th. Lunch will be provided. Also, join us for an open house of the newly renovated parsonage from 9am to noon on the same day. Volunteers are being sought to help move some of the heavier items from the teacherage to the parsonage. If you have any questions, please contact George Norway at 567.301.6158.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the PowerPoint slides on Sundays for both services, create them prior to the services, or record Sunday morning services. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Pastor Nowak at 419.302.5271 or contact the church secretary at 419.326.4685

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, May 24** from 1:00-3:00 PM. Since April is National Volunteer Month, the Food Bank has plenty of help this month, so we will not be going in April as originally planned. On May 24, we will be packing "senior boxes" or "emergency boxes" for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

FLOWERS, BIRDS, AND MOTHER'S DAY: Join us to celebrate springtime and mothers on Monday, May 1 or Tuesday, May 2. Bring your infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners to explore educational and fun activities together in the church basement at Mornings with Mommy. Make a bird feeder, water flowers, sort feathers, and build a bouquet. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, May 8 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play. Grab a snack for your ride home.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2023-2024 school year. As we continue to grow we are opening up new opportunities for volunteers at school. Some of the ways to volunteer are recess, lunch room, and in the classroom. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms this year so if you enjoy reading, writing, and arithmetic, now is your chance to pass your love of these subjects onto our students! If you are interested and available, please contact the school office.

SAVE THE DATE: Trinity's summer VBS is schedule for Sunday, July 23 - Thursday 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE: For over ten years, the North Atlantic and Michigan districts of the WELS have teamed up to organize regional youth rallies during the summers when the larger International Rally is not taking place. This summer's rally will take place from July 10-13 at Slippery Rock University, which is north of Pittsburgh. You can find out more information in the church newsletter. Registration began March 15.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN NEED of substitute bus drivers at any time. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office, Principal Falck, or any school board member.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Easter 4

Sun: Lev: 8:1-13,30-36, Lu 9:1-17; **Mon:** Lev 9:1-24, Lu 9:18-36; **Tue:** Lev: 10:1-20, *Lev 11;1-15:33*, Lu 9:37-62; **Wed:** Lev 16:1-24, Lu 10:1-22;

Thu: Lev:17:1-16, Lu 10:23-42; **Fri:** Lev: 18:1-7,20-19:8, Lu 11:1-13; **Sat:** Lev: 19:9-18, 26-37, Lu 11:14-36

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of April 23rd)

Total Worship Attendance: 254, Early: 121, Late: 133; Adult Bible Study: 29; Sunday School: 34; Teen Bible Class: 4; Online worship service views for April 16th: 49.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through May 6th are the members of Richard Johnson's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, May 7th, will be the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: James & Deb Reichley – early
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

Next Sunday: Ruth Marquart – early
Richard and Ruth Johnson – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (April 23rd through April 30th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20.

Mon Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00

Tue Mornings with Mommy 9:30

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** CONFIRMATION, Communion, No Adult or Teen Bible Classes- Examination between services, Sunday School 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun-Wed 7th and 8th Grade Class Trip- St. Louis

Tue Track Practice 3:30-4:30

Wed Chapel 8:20, Mud Hens 3rd-6th Grade Field Trip

Thu Track Practice 3:30-4:30

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Mobile
App



OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*